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Pan et al.

Serial No.: 09/259,145

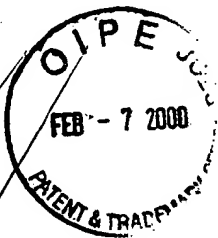
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For: WELL-DRIVE ANNEAL
TECHNIQUE USING PREPLACEMENT
OF NITRIDE FILMS FOR ENHANCED
FIELD ISOLATION

Examiner: A. Mai

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The following amendments and remarks are filed in response to the Examiner's remarks in the Office Action mailed November 5, 1999, the three-month shortened statutory period for response to which expires on February 5, 2000.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 2, after "BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION", between lines 4 and 5, please insert the following new paragraph:

—Cross Reference to Related Application: This application is a divisional of application Serial No. 08/975,039, filed November 18, 1997, pending.—

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Enclosed for filing in connection with the above-identified patent application, and submitted in the order listed, are:

- ☒ Postcard receipt acknowledgment (attached to the front of this transmittal).
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☐ Check no. in the amount of \$ for the presentation of extra claims as calculated in the remarks section below.
☐ Preliminary amendment.
☒ Amendment or other communication in response to the non-final office action mailed November 5, 1999.
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☐ Petition for Extension of Time in duplicate with check no. in the amount of \$.
☐ Verified statement(s) to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.27 signed by (or on behalf of).
☐ Information disclosure statement and information disclosure citation form PTO-1449 with copies of listed documents.

Remarks:

- ☒ An amendment has been made involving one or more claims in the application. The calculation to determine whether any additional fee is due is presented below.

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| Total claims | 19 | - | 32 | = | 0 x 18.00 = |
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| Reduction for small entity - 50% of subtotal* | | | | | |
| TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE (subtotal minus any reduction) | | | | | 0 |

*Verified statement(s) must be attached to support this reduction if small entity status has not been previously established.

- 1 Claims remaining after amendment.
 2 Highest number of claims previously paid for. Not less than 20 for total claims and 3 for independent claims.
 3 Difference between claims remaining and highest number previously paid for. If less than zero, enter "0."

- ☒ The commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees required but not submitted with any document or request requiring fee payment under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 to deposit account no. 20-1469 during the entire pendency of this application.

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